REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the revisions advanced above.

Pending claims are 1, 2, 4-24, 94-106, 108-113, 115-121, and 123-125. No claims are newly cancelled, amended, withdrawn or rejoined. Allowed are claims 1, 2, 4-23, 94-106, 108-113, 115-121, and 123-125. The sole non-allowed claim is claim 24.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite, for recitation of "the protein encoded by the heterologous gene" without antecedent support. Claim 24 depended from claim 23, and ultimately, from claim 1, neither of which recited such a heterologous gene.

Claim 24 is now amended to depend from claim 11, which recites the further step of "transforming a heterologous gene into the yeast." The rejection of claim 24 is overcome, therefore. Separately, claim 23 is amended to depend from both claim 1 and claim 11. These amendments do not introduce new matter.

It is believed that all claims are now in allowable condition, therefore, and an early indication to this effect is requested. Examiner Vogel also is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that any issue warrants further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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